

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Original) A fuel oil composition comprising a middle distillate having a sulfur content of up to 0.05% by weight and reaction products of

A) mono- or dicarboxylic acids of 6 to 50 carbon atoms and

B) primary, secondary or tertiary amines of the formula



where R¹ is a branched alkyl of 3 to 18 carbon atoms and R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, R¹ or an alkyl of 1-12 carbon atoms, wherein said amines have at least one C₃-C₁₈ branched alkyl groups and wherein each of said branched alkyl has a secondary or a tertiary carbon atom or where the nitrogen atom is bonded to a secondary or tertiary carbon atom.

2.(Original) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein A is a mono- or dicarboxylic acid of 12 to 22 carbon atoms.

3.(Currently Amended) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein B A comprises such carboxylic acids as contain one or more double bonds.

4.(Original) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ is branched C₄-C₁₂-alkyl.

5.(Original) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R² and/or R³ is or are branched C₄-C₁₂-alkyl.

6.(Original) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R² and/or R³ is or are hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl.

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9.(Currently Amended) A fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the said amines used~~ are selected from the group consisting of isopropylamine,

isobutylamine, 2-aminobutane, 3-methylbutylamine, 2-amylamine, 3-amylamine, tert-amylamine, 2-ethylhexylamine, isononylamine, di-sec-butylamine, di-2-amylamine, di-3-amylamine, di-tert-amylamine, di(2-ethylhexyl)amine, diisononylamine, and also mixtures thereof.

10.(Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the lubricity of a middle distillate having a sulfur content of up to 0.05% by weight, said method comprising adding to said middle distillate an additive comprising a Use of reaction product of

A) mono- or dicarboxylic acids of 6 to 50 carbon atoms and

B) primary, secondary or tertiary amines of the formula



where R^1 is branched alkyl of 3 to 18 carbon atoms and R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, R^1 or alkyl of 1-12 carbon atoms,

for enhancing the lubricity of middle distillates having a sulfur content of up to 0.05% by weight, wherein said amines have at least one C₃-C₁₈ branched alkyl groups and wherein each of said branched alkyl has a secondary or a tertiary carbon atom or where the nitrogen atom is bonded to a secondary or tertiary carbon atom.

11.(Currently Amended) An additive for enhancing the lubricity of middle distillates having a sulfur content of up to 0.05% by weight, comprising reaction products of

A) mono- or dicarboxylic acids of 6 to 50 carbon atoms and

B) primary, secondary or tertiary amines of the formula



where R^1 is a branched alkyl of 3 to 18 carbon atoms and R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, R^1 or alkyl of 1-12 carbon atoms, wherein said amines have at least one C₃-C₁₈ branched alkyl groups and wherein each of said branched alkyl has a secondary or a tertiary carbon atom or where the nitrogen atom is bonded to a secondary or tertiary carbon atom.

12.(New) The method of claim 10 wherein the monocarboxylic acids have an iodine number of at least 40 gI/100g.

13.(New) The method of claim 10 wherein said dicarboxylic acids are selected from the group consisting of dimer fatty acids, alkylsuccinic acids, alkenylsuccinic acids, wherein said dicarboxylic acids have a C₈-C₅₀ alkyl radical.

14.(New) The fuel oil composition of claim 1, wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, 3-methylbutyl, amyl, 2-ethylhexyl, isomers of isononyl, and mixtures thereof.

15.(New) The fuel oil composition of claim 1, wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of 2-aminobutane, 2-aminopentane, 3-aminopentane, 2-amino-hexane, 3-amino-hexane, 2-aminoheptane, 2-amino-6-methylheptane and 2-amino-5-methylhexane, and mixtures thereof.

16.(New) The fuel oil composition of claim 1, wherein A further comprises resin acids.

17.(New) A fuel oil composition comprising a middle distillate having a sulfur content of up to 0.05% by weight and reaction products of

A) a fatty acid selected from the group consisting of lauric acid, tridecanoic acid, myristic acid, pentadecanoic acid, palmitic acid, margaric acid, stearic acid, isostearic acid, arachidic acid, behenic acid, oleic acid, erucic acid, palmitoleic acid, myristoleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, elaeosteric acid, arachidonic acid, ricinoleic acid, coconut oil fatty acid, peanut oil fatty acid, fish oil fatty acid, linseed oil fatty acid, palm oil fatty acid, rapeseed oil fatty acid, ricinenic oil fatty acid, castor oil fatty acid, colza oil fatty acid, soybean oil fatty acid, sunflower oil fatty acid, tall oil fatty acid, and mixtures thereof, and

B) an amine selected from the group consisting of di(2-ethylhexyl)amine, 2-aminobutane, 2-ethylhexylamine, diamylamine, di(sec-butylamine), N,N-dimethylbutylamine, isopropylamine, isobutylamine, 2-aminobutane, 3-methylbutylamine, 2-amylamine, 3-amylamine, tert-amylamine, 2-ethylhexylamine, isononylamine, di-sec-butylamine, di-2-amylamine, di-3-amylamine, di-tert-amylamine, diisononylamine and mixtures thereof.

18.(New) The fuel oil composition of claim 17, wherein the middle distillate comprises reaction products of

A) a tall oil fatty acid, and

B) an amine selected from the group consisting of di(2-ethylhexyl)amine, 2-aminobutane, 2-ethylhexylamine, diamylamine, di(sec-butylamine), N,N-dimethylbutylamine, and mixtures thereof.